

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 91.

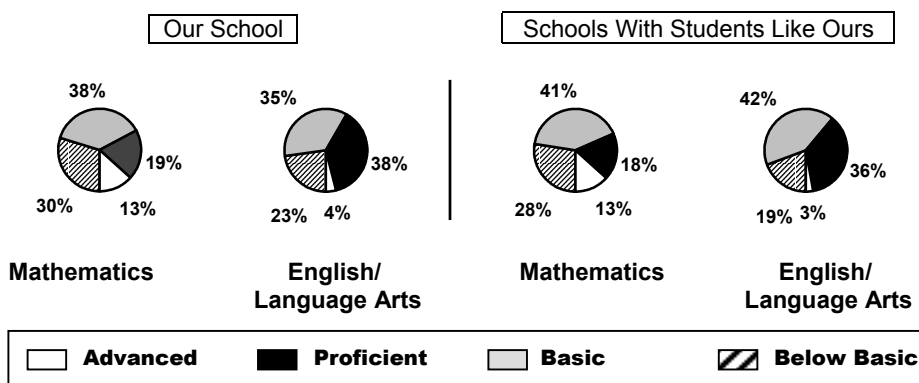
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=314)	77.1	70.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=30)	10	15.6		
Students without disabilities (n=277)	86.3	78		
Gender				
Male (n=168)	74.4	68.2		
Female (n=139)	84.2	75.5		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=150)	63.3	50.7		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=145)	93.1	91		
Other (n=11)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=138)	58	47.1		
Pay for lunch (n=169)	95.9	91.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,027	N/A	\$5,171	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	92.8%	No change	90.9%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	N/A	19.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=600)				
• Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.7%	96.3%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	7.5%	N/A	3.5%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	7.1%	N/A	2.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	87.8%	Down from 88.7%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.9%	Up from 2.3%	3.2%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=46)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.9 Days	Up from 6.5	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.7%	Down from 96.9%	95.6%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	47.8%	Down from 54.8%	48.5%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	80.4%	Down from 83.3%	84%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.3%	Up from 2.4%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.7%	Up from 83%	88.4%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,932	Down 0.9%	\$38,123	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	76.1%	N/A	64.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	95%	N/A	98.1%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	26.1%	Up from 21.1%	40%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Up from 0%	1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	27.1%	Up from 21.2%	15.2%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.4%	Up from 4%	8.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alice Drive Elementary meets the needs of our students through a variety of programs as well as traditional instruction. We became a part of the South Carolina Reading Initiative to improve our reading instruction, and many of our teachers continue their education by taking classes and pursuing advanced degrees. Our students showed an increase in academics and gifts to the community. Among our accomplishments are: we raised over \$1,970 for the Leukemia Society in our Pennies for Patients campaign and approximately \$2,000 by our fourth graders in the Mathathon for St. Jude's Hospital; our student council headed a canned food drive for the Salvation Army homeless shelter; we added two new clubs to our extracurricular activities; parent workshops were regularly held to give parents information to help their children at home; and our students showed an average gain in both reading and math on test scores.

Two of our students were recognized for their writing talents. One was named the district winner in the Lt. Governor's Essay contest while another student represented the district at the Young Writers' Conference.

Two of our teachers received National Board Certification, and several received grants through the Derthick Foundation and other sources. The third grade was awarded a grant from the State Aquarium in Charleston that allowed the students to visit there this spring. Other field trips were taken to Discovery Place, the State Capital, Riverbanks Zoo, dramatic presentations, and other places to enhance learning at Alice Drive.

Through fundraisers and activities such as the Fall Carnival, the PTA and School Improvement Council provided playground equipment, scholarships for summer camps, as well as books and classroom supplies for students and teachers.

Alice Drive is a place where all children can become a community of learners.

Debbie Thomas

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.0	81.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.3	92.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	95.3	84.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 600 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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